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You, my lord archbishop,
Whose see is by a civil peace maintained,
Whose beard the silver hand of peace hath touch'd,
Whose learning and good letters peace hath tutor'd,
Whose white investments figure innocence,
The dove, and every blessed spirit of peace;
Wherefore do you to ill translate yourself,
Out of the speech of peace, that bears such grace,
Into the harsh and boisterous tongue of war? *Shak. H. IV.*
INVE'TERACY. *n. f.* [inveteratus, Latin.]
1. Long continuance of any thing bad; obstinacy confirmed by time.

The inveteracy of the people's prejudices compelled their rulers to make use of all means for reducing them. *Addison.*
2. [In physick.] Long continuance of a disease.

INVE'TERATE. *adj.* [inveteratus, Latin.]
1. Old; long established.

The custom of Christians was then, and had been a long time, not to wear garlands, and therefore that undoubtedly they did offend who presumed to violate such a custom by not observing that thing; the very inveterate observation whereof was a law, sufficient to bind all men to observe it, unless they could show some higher law, some law of Scripture, to the contrary. *Hooker.*

It is an inveterate and received opinion, that cantharides, applied to any part of the body, touch the bladder and exacerate it. *Bacon's Natural History.*

2. Obsolete by long continuance.

It is not every sinful violation of conscience that can quench the spirit; but it must be a long inveterate course and custom of sinning, that at length produces and ends in such a cursed effect. *South's Sermons.*

He who writes satire honestly is no more an enemy to the offender, than the physician to the patient when he prescribes harsh remedies to an inveterate disease. *Dryden.*

In a well-instituted state the executive power will never let abuses grow inveterate, or multiply so far that it will be hard to find remedies. *Swift.*

TO INVE'TERATE. *v. a.* [inveteratus, Fr. invetero, Latin.] To harden or make obstinate by long continuance.

The vulgar conceived, that now there was an end given, and a consummation to superstitious prophecies, and to an ancient tacit expectation, which had by tradition been infused and inveterated into mens minds. *Bacon.*

Let not atheists lay the fault of their sins upon human nature, which have their prevalence from long custom and inveterated habit. *Bentley's Sermons.*

INVE'TERATENESS. *n. f.* [from inveterate.] Long continuance of any thing bad; obstinacy confirmed by time.

As time hath rendered him more perfect in the art, so hath the inveterateness of his malice made him more ready in the execution. *Brown's Vulg. Errors.*

Neither the inveterateness of the mischief, nor the prevalence of the fashion, shall be any excuse for those who will not take care about the meaning of their words. *Locke.*

INVE'TERATION. *n. f.* [inveteratio, Latin.] The act of hardening or confirming by long continuance.

INVIDIOUS. *adj.* [invidiosus, Latin.]

1. Envious; malignant.

I shall open to them the interior secrets of this mysterious art, without imposture or invidious reserve. *Evelyn.*

2. Likely to incur or to bring hatred. This is the more usual sense.

Agamemnon found it an invidious affair to give the preference to any one of the Grecian heroes. *Broome.*

Not to be further tedious, or rather invidious, these are a few causes which have contributed to the ruin of our morals. *Swift.*

INVIDIOUSLY. *adv.* [from invidious.]

1. Malignantly; enviously.

The clergy murmur against the privileges of the laity; the laity invidiously aggravate the immunities of the clergy. *Sprat.*

2. In a manner likely to provoke hatred.

INVIDIOUSNESS. *n. f.* [invidiosus, Latin.] Quality of provoking envy or hatred.

TO INVI'GORATE. *v. a.* [in and vigour.] To endue with vigour; to strengthen; to animate; to enforce.

The spleen is introduced to invigorate the finifer side, which, dilated, would rather infirm and debilitate. *Brown.*

I have lived in a reign when the prince, instead of invigorating the laws, or giving them their proper course, assumed a power of dispensing with them. *Addison.*

No one can enjoy health, without he feel a lightness and invigorating principle, which spurs him to action. *Spectator.*

Christian graces and virtues they cannot be, unless fed, invigorated, and animated by a principle of universal charity. *Atterbury's Sermons.*

Gentle warmth

Discloses well the earth's all teeming womb,

Invigorating tender feeds. *Phillips.*

INVIGORATION. *n. f.* [from invigorate.]

1. The act of invigorating.

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2. The state of being invigorated.

I find in myself an appetitive faculty, which is always in actual exercise, in the very height of activity and invigoration. *Norris.*

INVINCIBLE. *adj.* [invincible, French; invincibilis, Latin.]
Invulnerable; unconquerable; not to be subdued.

I would have thought her spirits had been invincible against all assaults of affection. *Shakespeare.*

Should he invade any part of their country, he would soon see that invincible nation with their united forces up in arms. *Kassell's History of the Turks.*

The spirit remains invincible. *Milton.*

That mistake, which is the consequence of invincible error, scarce deserves the name of wrong judgment. *Locke.*

If an atheist had had the making of himself, he would have framed a constitution that could have kept pace with his insatiable lust, been invincible by intemperance, and have held out a thousand years in a perpetual debauch. *Bentley's Sermons.*

INVINCIBLENESS. *n. f.* [from invincible.] Unconquerableness; invulnerableness.

INVINCIBLY. *adv.* [from invincible.] Invulnerably; unconquerably.

Ye have been fearless in his righteous cause;

And as ye have receiv'd, so have ye done

Invincibly. *Milton.*

Neither invitations nor threats avail with those who are invincibly impeded, to apply them to their benefit. *Dec. of Pity.*

INVIO'LABLE. *adj.* [inviolable, French; inviolabilis, Latin.]

1. Not to be profaned; not to be injured.

Thou, be sure, shalt give account

To him who sent us, whose charge is to keep

This place inviolable, and these from harm. *Milt. Par. Lost.*

In vain did nature's wife command

Divide the waters from the land,

If daring ships, and men prophane,

Invade the inviolable main;

Th' eternal fencings overlap,

And pass at will the boundless deep. *Dryden.*

Ye lamps of heav'n! he said, and lifted high

His hands, now free; thou venerable sky!

Invulnerable pow'rs! ador'd with dread,

Be all of you adjur'd. *Dryden's Æn.*

This birthright, when our author pleases, must and must not be sacred and inviolable. *Locke.*

2. Not to be broken.

The prophet David thinks, that the very meeting of men together, and their accompanying one another to the house of God, should make the bond of their love insoluble, and tie them in a league of inviolable amity. *Hooker.*

See, see, they join, embrace, and seem to kiss,

As if they vow'd some league inviolable. *Shaksp. H. VI.*

3. Insuperable of hurt or wound.

Th' inviolable fairs

In cubick phalanx firm advance d' intire. *Milton.*

INVIO'LABLY. *adv.* [from inviolable.] Without breach; without failure.

The true profession of Christianity inviolably engages all its followers to do good to all men. *Sprat's Sermons.*

Meet acquaintance you have none: you have drawn them all into a nearer line; and they who have conversed with you, are for ever after inviolably yours. *Dryden.*

INVIO'LABE. *adj.* [inviolatus, Fr. inviolatus, Lat.] Unhurt; uninjured; unprofaned; unpolluted; unbroken.

His fortune of arms was still inviolate. *Bacon's H. VII.*

But let inviolate truth be always dear

To thee; even before friendship, truth prefer. *Denham.*

If the past

Can hope a pardon, by those mutual bonds

Nature has seal'd between us, which though I

Have cancell'd, thou hast still preserv'd inviolate:

I beg thy pardon. *Denham's Sophy.*

My love your claim inviolate secures;

'Tis writ in fate, I can be only yours. *Dryden's Aureng.*

In all the changes of his doubtful state,

His truth, like heav'n's, was kept inviolate. *Dryden.*

INVIOUS. *adj.* [invius, Latin.] Impassable; untrodden.

If nothing can oppugn his love,

And virtue invious ways can prove,

What may not he confide to do,

That brings both love and virtue too. *Hudibras.*

INVISI'BLE. *n. f.* [invisible, Fr. from invisibile.] The state of being invisible; imperceptibleness to sight.

They may be demonstrated to be innumerable, substantiating their finalness for the reason of their invisibility. *Ray.*

INVISIBLY. *adv.* [invisible, Fr. invisibilis, Latin.] Not perceptible by the sight; not to be seen.

He was invisible that hurt me so;

And none invisible, but spirits, can go. *Sidney.*

The threaten'd falls,

Borne with th' invisible and creeping wind,

Drew the huge bottoms to the furrow'd sea. *Shaksp. H. V.*

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*'Tis wonderful,

That an invisible instinct should frame them

To loyalty unlearn'd, honour untaught, *Shaksp. Cymbeline.*

Civility not seen from others.

To us invisible, or dimly seen, *Milton.*

In these thy lowest works.

He that believes a God, believes such a being as hath all

perfections; among which this is one, that he is a spirit, and

consequently that he is invisible, and cannot be seen. *Tillotson.*

It seems easier to make one's self invisible to others, than

to make another's thoughts visible to me, which are not visible

to himself. *Locke.*

INVISIBLY. *adv.* [from invisible.] Imperceptibly to the sight.

Age by degrees invisibly doth creep;

Nor do we seem to die, but fall asleep. *Denham.*

TO INVI'SCATE. *v. a.* [in and viscus, Latin.] To lime; to intangle in glutinous matter.

The camelion's food being flies, it hath in the tongue a

mucous and slimy extremity, whereby, upon a sudden emission, it inviscates and intangleth those insects. *Brown.*

INVITA'TION. *n. f.* [invitation, Fr. invitatio, Lat.] The act of inviting, bidding, or calling to any thing with ceremony and civility.

That other answer'd with a lowly look,

And soon the gracious invitation took. *Dryden.*

INVITATORY. *adj.* [from invite, Latin.] Using invitation; containing invitation.

TO INVITE. *v. a.* [invito, Latin; inviter, French.]

1. To bid; to add to any place, particularly to one's own house, with intreaty and complaisance.

If thou be invited of a mighty man, withdraw thyself. *Ecclus. i. 39.*

He comes invited by a younger son.

When much company is invited, then be as sparing as possible of your coals. *Swift.*

2. To allure; to persuade.

A war upon the Turks is more worthy than upon any other

Gentiles, though facility and hope of success might invite

some other choice. *Bacon.*

Nor art thou such

Created, or such place hath here to dwell,

As may not oft invite, though spirits of heav'n,

To visit thee. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. v.*

The liberal contributions such teachers met with, served

still to invite more labourers into that work. *Decay of Piety.*

Shady groves, that easy sleep invite,

And after toilsome days a soft repose at night. *Dryd. Virgil.*

TO INVITE. *v. n.* [invite, Latin.] To ask or call to any thing pleasing.

All things invite

To peaceful counsels. *Milton.*

INVITE'RY. *n. f.* [from invite.] He who invites.

They forcibly cut out abortive votes, such as their inviters

and encourages most fancied. *King Charles.*

Honour was the aim of the guests, and interest was the

scope of the inviters. *Smalridge's Sermons.*

Wines and cates the table grace,

But most the kind inviter's cheerful face. *Pope's Odyssey.*

INVITINGLY. *adv.* [from inviting.] In such a manner as invites or allures.

If he can but dress up a temptation to look invitingly, the business is done. *Decay of Piety.*

TO INUMBRATE. *v. a.* [inumbro, Latin.] To shade; to cover with shades.

INVUN'CTION. *n. f.* [inungo, inunctus, Latin.] The act of smearing or anointing.

The wife Author of nature hath placed on the rump two

glandules, which the bird catches hold upon with her bill, and

squeezes out an oily liniment, fit for the inunction of the

feathers, and causing their filaments to cohere. *Ray.*

INUNDATION. *n. f.* [inundatio, French; inundatio, Latin.]

1. The overflow of waters; flood; deluge. Inundation, says

Cowley, implies less than deluge.

Her father counts it dangerous,

That she should give her sorrow so much way;

And in his wisdom hastes our marriage,

To stop the inundation of her tears. *Shak. Rom. and Juliet.*

The same inundation was not past forty foot in most places;

so that although it destroyed man and beast generally, yet some

few low inhabitants of the woods escaped. *Bacon.*

All fountains of the deep,

Broke up, shall leave the ocean to usurp

Beyond all bounds, till inundation rise

Above the highest hills. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xi.*

This inundation unto the Egyptians happeneth when it is

Winter unto the Ethiopians. *Brown's Vulg. Errors.*

Your care about your banks infers a fear

Of threatening floods, and inundations near. *Dryden.*

The hero next assail'd proud Doway's head,

And spite of confluent inundations spread

With unexampled valour did succeed. *Blackmore.*

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No swelling inundation hides the grounds, *Gay.*

But crystal currents glide within their bounds.

2. A confluence of any kind.

Many good towns, through that inundation of the Irish,

were utterly wasted. *Spenser.*

TO INVOCATE. *v. a.* [invoco, Latin.] To invoke; to implore; to call upon; to pray to.

Poor key-cold figure of a holy king!

Be't lawful, that I invoke thy ghost,

To hear the lamentations of poor Anne. *Shaksp. Rich. III.*

If Dagon be thy god,

Go to his temple, invoke his aid

With solemnest devotion. *Milton's Agonistes.*

Here rather let me drudge, and earn my bread,

'Till vermin or the draff of servile food

Consume me, and oft invoked death

Hasten the welcome end of all my pains. *Milton's Agonistes.*

INVOCATION. *n. f.* [invocation, French; invocatio, Latin.]

1. The act of calling upon in prayer.

Is not the name of prayer usual to signify even all the service that ever we do unto God? And that for no other cause,

as I suppose, but to shew that there is in religion no acceptable duty, which devout invocation of the name of God doth not

either presuppose or infer. *Hooker.*

2. The form of calling for the assistance or presence of any being.

My invocation is

Honest and fair, and in his mistress' name. *Shaksp.*

The proposition of Gratus is contained in a line, and that of invocation in half a line. *Wase.*

I will strain myself to breath out this one invocation. *Howell.*

The whole poem is a prayer to fortune, and the invocation is divided between the two deities. *Addison on Italy.*

INVOCER. *n. f.* [This word is perhaps corrupted from the French word *envoyer*, send.] A catalogue of the freight of a ship,

or of the articles and price of goods sent by a factor.

TO INVOCER. *v. a.* [invoco, Latin; invoco, French.] To call upon; to implore; to pray to.

The power I will invoke dwells in her eyes. *Sidney.*

One peculiar nation to select

From all the rest, of whom to be invoked. *Milton's P. Lost.*

The skilful bard,

Striking the Thracian harp, invokes Apollo,

To make his hero and himself immortal. *Prior.*